WHEREAS, July 13, 1926, marked the entry into the world at Lead, South Dakota, of one William James Cotton; and,

WHEREAS, on March 11, [illegible], he was united in matrimony with Thelma Fullius and they have since become the proud parents of five children: Deanna, Toni, Rae, William, Jr., Candace and Connie, who have in turn gifted them with four wonderful grandchildren; and,

WHEREAS, Bill resides in Rapid City, South Dakota, where he is an active participant in civic and community affairs, being a member of the Elks Club, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the local Teamsters Union; and,

WHEREAS, Bill's children are very proud of their Dad, and he has their unanimous vote as the "best 'Pop' in the whole world"; and,

WHEREAS, On July 13, 1977, Bill will be marking the Fifty-First Anniversary of his birth; and,

WHEREAS, This event is worthy of public recognition in the State of South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Governor make note of this special occasion:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, July 13, 1977, as

WILLIAM JAMES "BILL" COTTON DAY

in South Dakota, and join with his family and many friends in wishing him a day filled with joy and friendship and an abundance of good health and happiness in the years ahead.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I
have hereunto set my hand
and affixed the Great Seal
of the State of South Dakota,
in Pierre, the Capital City,
this 7th day of July, in the
Year of Our Lord, Nineteen
Hundred and Seventy-Seven

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RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Lorna B. Herseth

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE

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